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LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR RESTRUCTURING KVIC
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed a Committee for the restructuring of KVIC;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has presented its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of implementation of its recommendations;

(d) whether the Government intend to reconstitute KVIC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The Government constituted a ten-member Expert Committee (EC) on 01 December 2004 to review the existing structure, functioning, performance, etc., of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and recommend suitable measures for its revamping. The Committee submitted its report on 06 April 2005.

(c): The main recommendations of the Committee include some amendments to the KVIC Act, 1956 in respect of change in the composition of the Commission, provision of a consultative mechanism at the zonal level, re-definition of the powers of the Chief Executive Officer, KVIC, provision for reconstitution of the Commission after dissolution, etc. Besides, the Committee also recommended modification of the existing rebate scheme, strengthening and reorientation of the programmes and schemes being implemented by KVIC in respect of marketing, credit, etc., formulation of a scheme for replacement/upgradation of old charkhas, looms, etc.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): A draft legislation to suitably amend the KVIC Act, 1956 is under finalisation.